

# Space Family Education Inc.



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## Welcome to the Aaron Cohen JSC Childcare Center!

It's hard to believe we've reached the end of another school year! This spring marked the 20th anniversary of the founding of SFEI.

The existence of the JSC Childcare Center today stands as a monument to the dedication of the JSC employees who took the initiative to build this important resource for our community. Equally important were the JSC managers who assisted them in this endeavor, including the late JSC Center Director, Dr. Aaron Cohen. In honor of his unwavering support during the early years of SFEI, we renamed the building and dedicated it as the Aaron Cohen JSC Childcare Center in May.

Recognition should also go to the staff who have contributed to the success of the Childcare Center. In March, Ms. Dianna received a Lifetime Achievement and Launch Honoree Award from the Board of Directors on behalf of the SFEI parents, children and staff. This was just a small way to recognize her dedication and hard work over the past 15 years that has made the JSC Childcare Center a shining star. We appreciate her leadership and love that continues to provide the children of JSC employees a caring environment in which they can grow and learn, and we hope that she can take the time to visit KSC to experience one of the last three Space Shuttle launches!

We were also able to recognize a few of our other staff members for their extraordinary length of service at the Childcare Center. Ms. Evelyn, Sandra, Jody, InAe, Ricki, Linda, Joy, Georgia and Teresa have all been full-time employees at SFEI for 10 years or more! In order to honor their commitment, the Board nominated them for Launch Guest Awards in the Mission Control Center, and most were able to watch the fantastic STS-131 launch in April. A big thanks to all our teachers and staff who challenge, encourage and cherish our children.

*Jennifer Madsen*

**SFEI Vice President**



## Hello From Room 1

Wow, time really flies when you're having fun! It has been so much fun watching our babies grow and develop into toddlers. They have accomplished so much over the past year. Most of them are walking, some are beginning to talk. All of them are now eating table food and some are trying to feed themselves with a spoon. We have begun preparing the class for migration to their rooms. They are all doing great. We are able to leave them with their new teachers without them getting upset. We have also started using cots at nap time for those who are willing to give them a try.

We have had a great summer. The class really enjoyed all of the special summer activities. They love to point out the animals on our carpet, and make animal sounds. They have learned to do some of the actions and movements to the finger plays and songs that we sing. Their favorite thing to do is dance to the Hula-Hop song.

We will miss our kids, but we know they will do well in their new classrooms.

Room 1 Teachers,

*Ms. Sandra, Ms. Teresa, Ms. Mary  
and Ms. Brenda (floater)*



## Hello from Room 2

Our summer was filled with so many fun activities! Our favorite thing to do was jump and splash on the Slip and

Slide with Freeze Pops coming in at a close second! Our friends also enjoyed the many fun shows and performances that came to entertain. Little Surya even participated in the game show!!!

The older our friends became the more independent they became. They began fixing their own lunches and snacks on cooking days and we have some friends using the potty now! Oh where time goes! We love listening to our friends tell us stories and sing us songs!

We are sad to say goodbye to summer, but new and exciting activities await our friends in their new rooms. We also would like to say goodbye and good luck to Ms. Stacey who is going to Room 3. We have had good time with everyone!

*Ms. Stacey, Ms. Lara and Ms. Jessica*

## Room 3

As summer heat is coming to an end and Fall weather is around the bend, we have done very well with our potty training, We have 9 out of 13 children completely potty trained and continue to work on the few that almost have it! Kaden Johnson-Weigel will be turning 3 in August- Happy Birthday to you! All of the children have come a long way, with learning their colors, shapes, letters and recognizing their name and alphabet letters. They also are able to recognize difficult shapes like a hexagon, octagon, pentagon, and crescent. As teachers, we have grown to love these children. They even sometimes make my day complete when a rough one comes along! :- ) We love them all! This has been a wonderful school year and we would like to thank all of the parents for their support this year. We have really enjoyed getting to know you and your children and all of their wonderful personalities. We are very proud of the children and all of their accomplishments.

*Ms. Wanda, Ms. Phyllis and Ms. Deana*



## Room 4

We have learned so much this year and have grown into some pretty awesome kids. We have learned how to spell our names, to identify all of our letters and the sound of them through "H". We have learned to identify our number threw 20. We can count to 20 in English and in Spanish. We have also learned all of the colors in English and Spanish as well as our shapes and opposites.

Through the school year we have learned lots about penguins, butterflies and underwater creatures. We learned so much about them and we were able to go to Moody Gardens to see all of this up close. We also went to the Museum of Natural Science and to the Aquarium in Kemah to see what we had learned about.

We are all potty trained! We are all 3 years old too!! And we are all sad to be moving on to our new classes. We enjoyed our stay in Room 4 but it is time to move on and to continue to learn new things.

Room 4 is going to miss Ms. Terra our classroom floater, but we wish her the best as she takes on her new room!

*Ms. Evelyn, Ms. Monica and Ms. Terra (floater)*

## Room 5

Welcome once again to Room 5! We are nearing the end of the summer and looking forward to more exciting activities next year. All 15 of our Little Ones have come a long way.

Ms. Georgia celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in February and Ms. Sandi is trying to catch up! Mary turned 4 on April 23<sup>rd</sup>; She went to Disney Land for her birthday. Jeannie and Siva turned 4 in June while Haley, Daniel, Trestyn and Shaye will turn 4 in August. Isabella, Keira, Ana and Eva will turn 4 in September. Jared and Cristian will turn 4 in November.

We are all learning to recognize our names and the letters of the alphabet. We are getting lots of practice writing and most of us can write our names. Some of the letters may not be all together but we're still trying!

We have really had a lot of fun the past few months. We are busy learning new shapes and colors and are getting lots of practice cutting.

We have computer time three days a week. Ms. Sandi is trying to learn the computer as well!

Each week we have Sign Language with Ms. Teresa. We learn Sign Language for two books a month and are doing very well.

Ms. Georgia and Ms. Sandi have also been teaching us sharing, taking turns, how to show our friends we care for them, and the importance of honesty, because honesty is the best policy!

Eva has a new baby brother. Benjamin was born April 11<sup>th</sup> and weighed nine pounds and seven ounces; Eva says "guess I'll keep him". Trestyn says his baby brother "eats a lot but doesn't cry like he used to". Jared's baby brother, Jacob, is getting big and he "doesn't cry a lot unless he's hungry". Jonah's brother Wesley enjoys visiting our class once in a while. Haley, Reese and Jeannie are "bestest friends" and Shaye, Ana, Keira and Isabella are inseparable. Daniel has new glasses like his big brother Nathan and Siva and Cristian still love "Star Wars".

*Ms. Georgia and  
Ms. Sandi*



## Room 6

Room 6 is very happy to report that the last several months have been full of nonstop fun, learning and plenty of excitement for the Little People, and the Big People too as far as that goes!

Starting in the month of February we had a Valentine's party that the kids just loved! We closed it with our favorite Bingo game; that's always a favorite! We also had a Mardi Gras parade in front of the center and the children were a part of that. They were invited to toss beads to their friends and have beads tossed to them. As the month moved on, we closed it

with a field trip to the Library and a Rodeo luncheon with a bonfire BBQ outside on our playground.

In March, we took another field trip to Cici's Pizza and the kids did a great job at showing what a great group of kids they are by bringing their manners and great behavior. We had several people at the restaurant compliment us on how amazing it was that 17 three year olds were so well behaved! Go Room 6!!! Weeks later we took a walk to the Gilruth center and had a picnic in the park. More fun!

In April, we had an Easter egg hunt outside which was lots of fun. Elijah Bush found the grand total of 25 eggs himself, all in about 7 minutes. All the kids had a blast!!! We also had a drawing for the two posters of the kids we had displayed on our circle time wall and Elijah Bush and Vlad Gaza were our lucky winners.

In May we had our field day. Our class was called the Purple Ponies! What a fun day that was! Our field trip this month was eating at Casa Ole and the kids really enjoyed the tacos as well as all of the other tasty foods. They did wonderfully!

June started off our Summer fun Program. We had many, many, many activities and we honestly can't pick a favorite. From splash days to Acrosports many memories were made. Whether the children showed up for school in their PJ's for pajama day or their prince or princess costumes for Costume Day, fun was always filling the room! They say "time flies when you're having fun" and this summer was living proof of how true that is!!! One blink and we're now into August. Good luck in your new classes!!!

We will miss everyone!

*Ms. Kathy and Ms. Norma*



## Room 7

We had a great year! The children learned so much. We learned about different countries and the children absolutely loved learning about different cultures. The cooking projects were their favorite! We also had a lot of fun on our field trips.



The field trips reinforced what we learned throughout the year. Summer was great fun also. There were so many wonderful off-site activities as well as on-site activities that kept the children happy and busy. The Jack and the Beanstalk play was

specially great and the children couldn't stop talking about the funny cow. We had a great time on splash days too with all of the neat slides. Circus and Carnival days were also a great success. We had a great Summer and can't wait for the new school year to begin. Thank you to all of our wonderful parents. You helped us out so much and we will truly miss you.

*Ms. Ricki and Ms. Tess*

## Room 8

Summer is here! Most of you are gladly trading many mornings of bundling those small ones in hats, mittens, coats, etc., for a hurriedly gotten swimsuit, a kiss and a hearty "Goodbye".

We have had a wonderful summer in Room 8. Summer was a time for splash days and field trips. The Yuck! Game Show was a big hit with the children. A big thank you to Ms. Mandy for all of her help during the summer. I could not have done it without her.

The children have learned much this year, and I'm sure you're proud of their progress, as are we. They have learned the sounds of letters and have enjoyed sounding out blends and words. The vowels and consonants are taking on a new meaning as the children continue with their reading. Writing is a very special time each day. The children are proud of being able to write their first name on their papers.

On June 3rd, the children graduated to Kindergarten, and we thank everyone who came see your child graduate.

Ms. Joy will be back in time for the start of the new school year. We have all missed her and can't wait for her to return.

We look forward to the new school year with much anticipation.

*Ms. Kim & Ms. Joy*



## News From Room 9

Time has flown by! Seems like just yesterday we were starting the new school year. It's hard to believe summer is coming to an end in a few short weeks.

Throughout out the year, we have taken several field trips. The students enjoyed seeing the different animals and taking home a pumpkin from Old MacDonald's Farm. They enjoyed the live performance of Junie B. Jones, as well as seeing the Earth Day movie, "Oceans". The students really enjoyed being able to leave school and experience different places.

After graduation, some students left for summer break and some stayed to enjoy the summer activities. We also gained several familiar faces that came back to spend the fun filled summer at JSC CCC.

We've enjoyed field trips to various places. Students really loved Incredible Pizza, AcroSports, and FunMax. The performances at the center were favorites as



well. Jack and the Beanstalk, the pirate show, and the Yuck! Game Show were crowd pleasers. Splash Days were another class favorite!! Even some of the teachers had to get in on the fun.

The end of the summer brings about changes in the classroom as well. Ms. Wendy and Ms. Jody won't be working

together next

year. Ms. Wendy is going to teach in Room 7 with Ms. Norma and Ms. Jody will be a floater for the two oldest rooms.

We look forward to the new school year!! Don't be strangers and come back and see us in our new classrooms!!!

*Ms. Wendy and Ms. Jody*

